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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A recording method comprising the steps of:

providing a recording medium with a recording-limited area where recording is limited and which is recognized as a defective area;

cancelling the recording limit in said recording-limited area and so that recording of information in said recording-limited area can be performed; and

recording new information in said recording-limited area.

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2. (Currently amended) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and the step of cancelling the recording limit comprises a step of recording allocation information for said recording-limited area in said recording medium.

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3. (Currently amended) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and the step of cancelling the

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~~recording limit comprises a step of recording said allegation information for said recording limited area on software canceling the recording limit using predetermined software.~~

4. (Currently amended) A recording method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a step of, after providing said recording medium and prior to the canceling of said recording limit, of issuing an instruction to record said recording medium; and  
a step of issuing an instruction for displaying predetermined information when the recording instruction has been issued.

5. (Currently amended) A recording method according to Claim 4, wherein said prescribed predetermined information is an advertisement.

6. (Currently amended) A recording method according to Claim [[1]] 4, wherein said prescribed predetermined information is recorded in said recording medium.

7. (Canceled).

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8. (Currently amended) A recording method according to  
Claim [(1)] 4, wherein said prescribed predetermined  
information is displayed via an external information  
distribution means.

9. (Currently amended) A recording method according to  
Claim 1, wherein the recording limit limits recording by  
rendering an ID error detection code of address information  
for said recording-limited area inconsistent with an ID  
corresponding to said ID error detection code, and the  
canceling of the recording limit is performed by rendering  
said ID error detection code thus made inconsistent be  
consistent with said ID, to be consistent with said ID.

10. (Currently amended) A recording method according to  
Claim 1, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering  
a read-out of allocation information for said recording-  
limited impossible, and said wherein allocation information is  
erased by erasing said new information.

11. (Currently amended) A method of decrypting  
information, comprising the steps of:  
providing a recording medium comprising a recording-

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limited area which is recognized as a defective area and information about the position of said recording-limited area in an encrypted form; and

decrypting said information about the position in the encrypted information by means of a prescribed predetermined software.

12. (Original) An information decrypting method according to Claim 10, wherein said recording-limited area is allocated in a distributed manner in a user area of said recording medium.

13. (Currently amended) A recording medium comprising a recording-limited area which is recording-limited such that it is recognized as a defective area, wherein the recording limit is canceled by reading prescribed predetermined information.

14. (Original) A recording medium according to Claim 13, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible.

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15. (Currently amended) A recording medium according to Claim 13, wherein said prescribed predetermined information and said allocation information are recorded at the same location.

16. (Currently amended) A recording medium according to Claim 13, wherein said prescribed predetermined information is an advertisement.

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